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through helping young  
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Sarah Dobson intends to continue her studies at the Schulich School of Law in the fall. PATRICK FULGENCIO/METRO

# Halifax landlords' concern growing over legalization

## MARIJUANA

### Property owners plan around issues like ventilation, insurance



**Julianne  
Steeves**  
For Metro | Halifax

Landlords' main concerns with marijuana legalization in Nova Scotia are around protecting tenant's health and possible damage to buildings, says one advocacy group.

Kevin Russell of Halifax, head of the Investment Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia's (IPOANS) Cannabis Legalization Committee, said the proposed federal legislation is causing "a lot of concern" for property owners as well as tenants with respiratory problems or small children who are worried about second-hand smoke.

"We're confident that what residents do behind closed doors is their business. Our concern is when it starts to affect other residents; that's when it becomes a bigger issue," said Russell Monday.

Under the possible legalization, each household would be allowed four plants, but tenants growing in rental units is a concern for landlords.

"There's building code considerations. Will we have to change ventilation?" said Russell.

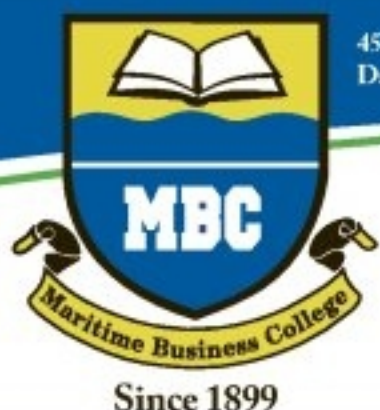
As a property owner, Russell said he's worried a high-humidity growing environment might damage rental buildings, and special grow lights could become a fire hazard.

"(Tenants growing marijuana) may affect insurance premiums or even the ability to get insurance, we don't know at this point," said Russell. In a case in February, a landlord in Kelowna, B.C. had insurance pulled from his building because of a tenant's legal medical marijuana grow-op.

One landlord association, the Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations, is lobbying for the federal government to ban growing marijuana in rented units or multi-unit buildings altogether in future legislation.

Russell said that after legalization, recreational marijuana users should take some precautions to minimize the effect on other people.

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# Sharing stories of strength

TELEVISION

## Documentary series features Canadian arm wrestlers



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

When Trevor Sanipass first pitched the idea of a documentary focused on Canadian arm wrestlers, he wasn't expecting much.

Fast forward four years and the Mi'kmaq arm wrestling champion just wrapped up a few days of filming Arm Nation. The documentary television series will highlight 12 of Canada's top Indigenous arm wrestlers and is set to air on APTN in the fall of 2018.

It will feature Sanipass both on and off the screen. The Sackville resident and other athletes from the series will share not only their passion for the sport, but some of their life experiences.

"When we came up with a demo my father had (recently) passed away so they used that angle...Others had their own struggles," he said.

"One was coming back to arm wrestling with his son, there are stories of substance abuse and struggles to overcome that and reservation issues. There are a lot of stories not just about arm wrestling."

Sanipass grew up on Eskasoni First Nation. He became an arm wrestler as a young child following in the footsteps of his



**Trevor Sanipass, an arm wrestler, reflects on what the sport means to him and his family in an upcoming TV series.**

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older brothers. He credits them, and his late father, for helping shape the man he became.

"My father played a major role in our fitness really. He loved to coach baseball or basketball just to get the local kids away from trouble, to show you can do things without alcohol or drugs because we had those issues back then and we certainly have those issues now in communities," he said.

"My father was a residential

school survivor who actually escaped. To my understanding (that shaped him) and he always wanted to be a protector."

Although he had won many regional and provincial arm-wrestling tournaments, Sanipass only participated in his first national championship in 2013 where he came in fourth.

He took home the bronze medal at the 2014 national championship.

"I love arm wrestling and

I'm just trying to get rid of that negative image of it, of big men arm wrestling at bars and putting money into it," he said.

"There's a lot involved in it. I train really hard and the really serious arm wrestlers and competitors? We train pretty much every body part regularly."

Sanipass is also the nominated NDP candidate for the provincial riding of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

As a natural extension of

his work with youth, Sanipass helps train other athletes.

He is now preparing them (and himself) for both the May 6 provincials and the national arm wrestling championship in Halifax this summer.

He was also impressed to recently learn there will be an accompanying Arm Nation game app that features him as one of the avatars, a fact that earned him bonus points with his kids.

COURT

## Sandeson murder trial begins



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The trial of William Sandeson, accused of murdering a fellow Dalhousie University student, begins Tuesday.

Sandeson, 24, was charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Taylor Samson, 22, in August 2015, four days after he'd gone missing.

Samson's body has never been found, and Sandeson has been in custody since the charges were laid.

Investigators later ruled the case a homicide and charged Sandeson with first-degree murder. Police said this was not a random act, as Samson and Sandeson knew one another.

Police said they believe that Samson, originally from Amherst, was murdered at a residence in the 1200 block of Henry Street, where Sandeson lived.

The preliminary inquiry to decide if the Truro-area man would stand trial took three weeks last February, and heard from more than a dozen witnesses. That



**William Sandeson**  
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evidence is protected by a publication ban.

The judge-and-jury trial begins at 9:30 a.m. in Halifax Supreme Court, and is expected to take roughly a month.

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# Poet laureate reopens debate

## HISTORY

### Moved by poem, councillor gets city to revisit naming issue

A poet didn't make history in Halifax last week, but she might have been the catalyst for changing how the city commemorates its history.

Rebecca Thomas, Halifax's 31-year-old aboriginal poet laureate, went before Halifax council with a poem chiding councillors for shutting down debate last year over how the city commemorates its controversial founder.

Edward Cornwallis issued a bounty on the scalps of her Mi'kmaq ancestors — men, women and children — but is still honoured with a park, statue, and even a street within a stone's throw of the city's Mi'kmaq friendship centre.

Moved by her poem, a rookie councillor decided council needed to revisit the issue sooner than later. It will debate his motion at its next meeting.

"Heck yeah!" she said in response on Twitter.

In an interview Saturday, Thomas said she had wanted to achieve something at city hall, so she made her poem an invitation "to come meet me in the middle."

"My biggest dirty secret is that I'm a poet laureate who doesn't want to be a poet," Thomas says. "I want to be a change-maker, and I just happen to use poetry to do that."

Thomas, the daughter of a



Halifax's poet laureate Rebecca Thomas wants council to rethink its honouring Edward Cornwallis. METRO FILE

white mother and Mi'kmaq father, says her work is informed by "Etuaptmumk" or "two-eyed seeing," an approach that aims to merge the best of western and Indigenous perspectives.

She grew up in a suburb of Moncton, N.B., and moved to

Halifax 13 years ago to study at Dalhousie University, where she earned two degrees in social anthropology.

Thomas stumbled onto poetry about four years ago at the encouragement of a colleague from Nova Scotia Community College, where she works as a

co-ordinator of aboriginal student services. Thomas's bold voice and sharp wit soon caught the attention of Halifax's then-poet laureate, El Jones, who helped recommend Thomas as her successor.

"This role (of poet laureate), at least in my opinion, is an opportunity in which to engage politics in a way that's a little more confrontational," says Thomas. "I want to be the bee in the bonnet, the squeaky wheel."

Thomas was named poet

laureate not long before Halifax council last May narrowly rejected a motion to review public sites honouring Cornwallis, the Nova Scotia governor who founded Halifax in 1749 and soon after issued a bounty on Mi'kmaq scalps in response to an attack on colonists.

Last Tuesday, Thomas addressed her poem to the city councillors who voted down the motion, several of whom had cited fears about reopening old wounds and denigrating Halifax's history.

"I'm asking for your help to heal generations of spiritual welts, because we were seen as animals only valued for our pelts," she told council. "Today, we are members of your community. Show us your humility. Take my extended branch in unity, and stop honouring a man who prided himself on his limitless brutality."

"How can granting us our humanity be any less of a priority than making the donair the official meal of Halifax city?"

Coun. Matt Whitman, whose comments defending Cornwallis as "not perfect" inspired the poem's title, says he welcomes the debate, but is uncertain if it will lead to a different outcome. He says the goal shouldn't be to erase history, but to enrich it by also honouring Mi'kmaq figures.

"I think anyone who heard that poem and didn't take the opportunity to reflect missed the point," says Whitman. "If she makes you feel a little bit uncomfortable, she's doing her job."

Shawn Cleary, a councillor who was elected last fall, says he has long hoped council could revisit the issue of Cornwallis commemorations, but Thomas's poem inspired him to immediately give notice that he would ask council to consider it again.

"Her words were very powerful. She essentially pleaded for council to reconsider," says Cleary. "I just felt as a new councillor, and frankly, as a human being, I would be remiss if I didn't make that (notice) of motion."

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**It's important for me to go back to my community and feel like I did everything I could to enact change for the better.** Rebecca Thomas

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# Student stands up for refugees

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**Sarah Dobson helps ensure new students feel at home**



**Julianne Steeves**  
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Sometimes helping others means that Sarah Dobson has a lot more people around her table during the holidays.

In Dobson's second year at Dalhousie University, the now fourth-year political science student became involved in the World University Service of Canada (WUSC), an organization that supports refugee students coming to Canada for school.

"We do a lot before their arrival, facilitate their rooms, get their classes set up, and stuff like that. Once they're here, we're really just their friends," said Dobson.

Students like Dobson also help the new students with things like applying for student loans, scholarships, and just getting them familiar with Halifax and Nova Scotia.

She has served as the student refugee program coordinator for the Dalhousie chapter of WUSC for the past two years. Before September 2016, WUSC raised money to bring four refugee students to Dalhousie. They worked to get Syrian students at Dalhousie.

Dobson said through WUSC, she's gained many friends and learned people aren't that different, no matter where they're from.

"Realizing there's not that



**We do a lot before their arrival. Once they're here, we're really just their friends.** Sarah Dobson

**Sarah Dobson** intends to continue her studies at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in the fall.

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much difference between youth anywhere has been really eye opening for me," she said.

Sometimes, the students are very similar to her in ways she never expected.

"One of my friends who came from Syria, his dad is an anesthesiologist and my dad's an anesthesiologist," said Dobson.

Before she was involved in

WUSC, Dobson volunteered at Frontier College, a literacy organization. She went in once a week to help struggling students, primarily immigrants, who needed literacy help.

"That got me interested in the connection between immigration and education, then I found WUSC, then I found the Refugee Clinic so it all kind of connected in that way," said Dobson.

This semester, she's had a placement at the Halifax Refugee Clinic where she does research for refugee claims, gathers evidence and verifies the reasons clients are claiming refugee status.

Dobson — a self-professed "politics nerd" — said her other passion is bringing political education to Nova Scotian schools.

"I grew up in Nova Sco-

tia and I was never offered politics as a class until university, so if I hadn't chosen that option, I would know nothing," she said.

During the 2015 federal election, she started her own grassroots educational workshop called 'Let's Talk Politics.'

Dobson travelled to about 20 junior high classrooms around Halifax to answer

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questions that ranged from 'Why do we vote for a member of parliament and not the prime minister?' to 'How does Canada's political system work?'

This fall Dobson will start law school at Dalhousie.

"A part of me wanted to go to Ontario but then a big part of me wants to stay here," said Dobson.

"I love this province and I love this city. We do have a lot of people who leave and I want to stay and contribute to here."

As a law student, she plans to keep working with WUSC and continue teaching Nova Scotian students about Canadian politics.

One day, she said she might run for office, get into immigration law, or maybe something else she hasn't fallen in love with yet.

This March, Dobson travelled to Ottawa to represent the riding of Halifax West at Daughters of the Vote, a national program encouraging young women to get involved in politics.

Dobson has also spent that last two years as a page at the Nova Scotia Legislature and served on the Dalhousie Senate.



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## Basketball trickster Zeus talks to Metro



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Make sure you get to know one of the Harlem Globetrotters' most charismatic forwards before the team comes to Halifax later this month.

Julian "Zeus" McClurkin, from Columbus, Ohio plays forward for the Globetrotters and holds the world record for most dunks in a minute with 16 — a record he's hoping to break this year.

After presenting the "ABCs of Bullying Prevention" program to Burton Ettinger School in Halifax, McClurkin sat down for an interview with Metro. Here's that interview, edited for length.

### Why did you decide to play for the Globetrotters?

"I decided to play for the Globetrotters because it's a



**Harlem Globetrotter forward Julian "Zeus" McClurkin** currently holds a Guinness World Record for most basketball slam dunks in one minute: 16. PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

natural extension of who I am. When I was younger I used to get criticized a lot because I was so nice on the court. I was the type of guy who if I fouled you, I would apologize. It was very Canadian of me. I had one guy who said to me,

'All you do is dunk and smile, dunk and smile.' Now I get paid to do that."

### How did you make the transition from college to the Globetrotters?

"When I played college

I was an entertainer, I was that energy guy. I would come off the bench, I was that spark plug that everybody wanted to see. I had to make a decision if I would go to the D-League and try the NBA route, or continue

with overseas. Then I heard a call for the Washington Generals. I had never heard of them before, I had never heard of the Harlem Globetrotters before. I saw them on Scooby-Doo, and I didn't realize they were a real team."

### How do you keep going against adversity?

"I let all those people who told me that I wasn't gonna do anything, I wasn't gonna make it, I let them be my motivation. I've always been that way, whatever I'm not good at, that's what I focus on all my energy on. I played every sport in high school: baseball, soccer, volleyball, football, golf, and tennis. Basketball was the only sport that would elude me every year. I would try out for that team and never make it, so I put a lot of energy and effort into that and let all those people who told me I wasn't going to be anything, be my fuel."

### Where are the best fans, besides Halifax?

"Besides Halifax, it varies.

## How to go

**Tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters game at the Scotiabank Centre on April 29 can be purchased at [harlemglobetrotters.com](http://harlemglobetrotters.com).**

One of my favourite places to play is back home in Columbus, Ohio where everybody is cheering for me. The Globetrotters are everyone's home team, so the best fans are anybody who comes to our games."

### Which Globetrotter is the best arm-wrestler?

"Thunder for sure, he's the one who broke the record for the furthest basketball shot. So that's why I say so because nobody else could even get it close."

### Were there any NBA players you looked up to as a kid?

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Nova Scotia SPCA officers remove cats from the woman's home last year, an operation that took the organization several months to complete. In that time officers said they discovered the skeletal and intact remains of other animals inside the house. CONTRIBUTED

# Hoarder handed lifetime pet ban

ANIMAL CRUELTY

## Woman pleads guilty after 18 cats were seized in August 2016

A New Minas woman is banned from owning pets for life after the Nova Scotia SPCA seized 18 cats from a home "severely hoarded with debris."

A news release from the SPCA on Friday says Johanna Stead-

man pleaded guilty to causing an animal to be in distress after the SPCA acted on a tip from the public in August 2016.

"The home contained several cats without access to food or water and was extremely unsanitary," the release says.

"The cats were suffering from many medical ailments including parasitic infestation and malnutrition."

It took SPCA animal cruelty officers three and a half months to remove the cats from the home, "due to the severity of the hoard-

ing."

The officers also found skeletal and intact animal remains.

All of the cats removed from the home have been rehabilitated and adopted, though that cost the SPCA \$11,100 — some of which was used for medical procedures including an amputation.

When they see cases like this one, the SPCA urges people to "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves," and contact its confidential animal cruelty line at 1-888-703-7722.

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GLACE BAY

## Man dies after being pulled from fire

Police in Cape Breton say a 54-year-old man has died after being removed from a burning home early Monday morning.

They say they responded to the fire at a duplex on Concord Street in Glace Bay at about 1

a.m. and found the man inside.

He was taken to hospital, but succumbed to his injuries.

Police say he was the only person in the home at the time and that his name wouldn't be released until his family

is notified.

People in the other unit of the duplex were not injured.

The fire marshal's office and police are trying to determine the cause of the fire.

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RELIGION

## Africville holds first Easter mass in 50 years

Dozens of people celebrated Easter at a church in Halifax's Africville neighbourhood for the first time in 50 years.

Ninety-three-year-old Cora Howe lived in the area until the 1960s, when residents were evicted and homes and the original church were torn down to make way for the MacKay Bridge.

She said Sunday that it was "lovely" to be back in the church, which was rebuilt in 2011 and opened as the Africville Museum.

The building is a replica of the Seaview United Baptist Church.

Halifax's then-mayor Peter

2011

The replica of the Seaview United Baptist Church was rebuilt in 2011 and reopened later as the Africville Museum.

Kelly issued a public apology in 2010 and said Sunday that being in the church recognizes that the community is still strong.

The service was led by Cornwallis Street Baptist Church's Rev. Rhonda Britton.

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The Africville Heritage Trust Museum in Halifax.

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## Halifax DIGEST

GEOLOGY

### Titanic discovery

A geologist using aerial photos appears to have solved a mystery over the origin of the headstones for victims of the Titanic buried in a Halifax cemetery. There are 150 Titanic headstones in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery and all but one is made out of the same stone. Using archive aerial photos, Clarke says he found 16 black granite quarries in St. George and matched the stone to Bocabec, N.B. He says now people know where to get an exact match for repairs.

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INVESTIGATION

### Complaint filed against Halifax Regional Police

The province's Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) is handling a complaint against the Halifax Regional Police after an incident where a man's eye was fractured. Police investigated a possible assault and found the suspect with a pipe, and that is when the alleged incident occurred, said MacDonald. The man was treated for a fractured eye. He was not arrested or charged.

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# First for 'river piracy'

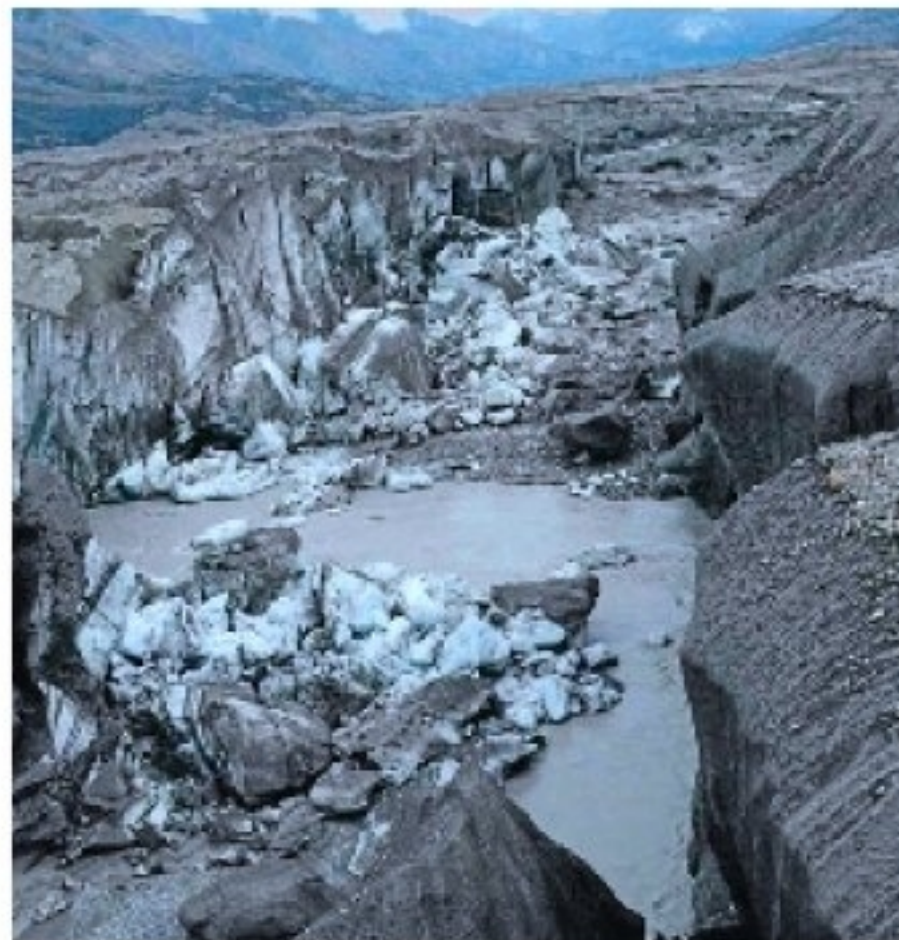
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## Once-raging Slims River now shallow and nearly dry

Scientists have witnessed the first modern case of what they call "river piracy" and they blame global warming. Most of the water gushing from a large glacier in northwest Canada last year suddenly switched from one river to another.

That changed the Slims River from a three-metre deep, raging river to something so shallow that it barely was above a scientist's high top sneakers at midstream. The melt from the Yukon's Kaskawulsh glacier now flows mostly into the Alsek River and ends up in the Pacific Ocean instead of the Arctic's Bering Sea.

It seemed to all happen in about one day — last May 26 — based on river gauge data, said Dan Shugar, a University of Washington Tacoma professor who studies how land



The ice-walled canyon at the terminus of the Kaskawulsh Glacier, with collapsed ice blocks. The canyon now carries meltwater toward the Pacific Ocean. JIM BEST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

changes. A 30-metre tall canyon formed at the end of the glacier, rerouting the melting water, Shugar and his colleagues wrote in a study

published in Monday's journal *Nature Geoscience*.

The term "river piracy" is usually used to describe events that take a long

time to occur, such as tens of thousands of years, and had not been seen in modern times, especially not this quickly, said study co-author Jim Best of the University of Illinois.

The scientists had been to the edge of the Kaskawulsh glacier in 2013. Then the Slims River was "swift, cold and deep" and flowing fast enough that it could be dangerous to wade through, Shugar said. They returned last year to find the river shallow and as still as a lake, while the Alsek, was deeper and flowing faster.

"We were really surprised when we got there and there was basically no water in the river," Shugar said of the Slims. "We could walk across it and we wouldn't get our shirts wet. It was like a snake-shaped lake rather than a river."

What had been a river delta at the edge of the Slims River had changed into a place full of "afternoon dust storms with this fine dust getting into your nose and your mouth," Best said.

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TRAVEL

## Air Canada apologizes for bumping boy from flight

Air Canada has apologized to a Prince Edward Island family after the airline bumped a 10-year-old boy from a flight.

Brett Doyle booked four tickets from Charlottetown to Costa Rica for his family last August.

A day before their March break vacation, Doyle said he tried to check in his family online, but he could not select a seat for his son.

After hours on the phone with Air Canada, Doyle's wife drove to the airport and was told the flight was oversold and their son had been bumped.

The family then drove to Moncton to catch a different Air Canada flight to meet the Costa Rica flight in Montreal, but when that flight was can-



Shanna and Brett Doyle are seen with their sons, Cole, 10, and Simon, 8. CONTRIBUTED

celled they were forced to drive to Halifax and stay overnight in a hotel.

Air Canada said in an email it has apologized to the Doyle family.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Warm summer means higher risk of forest fires

Nearly a year after the massive wildfire that devastated Fort McMurray, Alta., a climate scientist says there may be more forest fires in Canada this summer.

"If the forecast's right that it's a warmer than normal summer, we'll probably have more fires," says Mike Flannigan, a meteorologist and professor at the University of Alberta.

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# Police baffled by Facebook video killing

CRIME

## 'I snapped,' said Steve Stephens after killing a Cleveland man

In a rambling video, Steve Stephens said, "I snapped, I just snapped." But as the manhunt dragged on Monday for the man accused of posting Facebook footage of himself killing a Cleveland retiree, police were unable to explain what set him off.

"Only Steve knows that," Cleveland police Chief Calvin Williams said as authorities posted a \$50,000 reward for Stephens' capture in the shooting of Robert Godwin Sr., a 74-year-old former foundry worker.

In the video, Stephens blamed a former girlfriend he had lived with, saying he woke up last week and "couldn't take it anymore." But in a statement Monday, the woman shed little light on what might have gone wrong and said Stephens was good to her and her children.

As for the shooting victim, Godwin appeared to have been selected at random, gunned down while picking up aluminum cans Sunday afternoon after spending Easter with some of his children.

A manhunt that started in Cleveland's gritty east side expanded rapidly into a nationwide search for Stephens, a 37-year-



Steve Stephens CLEVELAND POLICE

old job counsellor who worked with teens and young adults, police said.

"He could be nearby. He could be far away or anywhere in between," FBI agent Stephen Anthony said.

Law enforcement officials said his cellphone signal was last detected on Sunday afternoon in Erie, Pa., about 160 kilometres east of Cleveland.

Police reported getting dozens and dozens of tips, and nine schools in Philadelphia were locked down Monday while authorities investigated possible sightings of Stephens. But they said there was no sign he was actually there.

Some of those who know Stephens described him as pleasant and kind, while some said he had a gambling problem. He filed for bankruptcy two years ago.

Godwin's daughter said he was killed while collecting cans in a plastic shopping bag.

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## WHITE HOUSE A DAY OF FESTIVITIES

Children participate in an Easter egg roll race during the 139th Annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Sunday.

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## IN BRIEF

### United changes policy on bumping passengers

United Airlines is changing a company policy and will no longer allow crew members to displace customers already onboard an airplane.

The change comes after a passenger, Dr. David Dao, was dragged from a fully-booked United Express flight in Chicago because he refused to give up his seat to make room for crew members.

Under the change outlined in an internal April 14 email, a crew member must make must-ride bookings at least 60 minutes prior to departure.

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## Pyongyang barely notices tensions

The clouds of war, it might seem, are gathering around the Korean Peninsula.

The North Korean government flaunts an increasingly sophisticated arsenal of intercontinental missiles and launches a midrange version, which apparently fails seconds after takeoff.

The U.S. moves an immense warship to the waters off the

peninsula in a display of military might.

President Donald Trump warns he's ready to "solve North Korea," while North Korea's deputy foreign minister says his country will conduct its next nuclear test whenever it sees fit.

And in Pyongyang, where war would mean untold horrors, where neighbourhoods could be reduced to rubble and tens

of thousands of civilians could be killed, few people seem to care much at all.

On Sunday, the city's zoo was crowded, playgrounds full of children and families. Propaganda is all-encompassing.

"We're not afraid," said Chong Ok An, a retiree. "As long as we have Marshal Kim Jong Un, we can win any fight."

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## Where Canadian film is headed

It's Canadian Film Day on Wednesday, a time to celebrate our filmmakers and have a hard look at our home-grown industry. We asked some of our brightest: What is the future of the biz? From Bonavista to Vancouver Island, from the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes, here are their thoughts. **RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO**



### Very targeted content on digital platforms

"One thing for sure is on-demand and very targeted content," says director April Mullen on the future of CanCon film. "Basically, audiences are dictating on which platform they want to consume content." Mullen, whose film *Below Her Mouth* hits theatres and VOD simultaneously on April 28, says while digital platforms are "not as profitable as I'm sure they might be in the future," she adds that, "there's always room for innovative content, in all forms, and so much is possible for storytellers to breakthrough with the technology available nowadays."



### More and better streaming options

"The future," says John Barnard, a Winnipeg based director, "holds the possibility for more and better streaming options that pay for content and are reliable enough to be bankable. People have been saying this for years but now everyone actually has the box attached to their TV." Barnard's film *Menorca* opens April 21. He's pictured here with two of the film's stars, Tammy Gillis and Sheila Campbell.



### The rise of VOD

"Filmmakers need to abandon the idea of, 'I want my film in the cinema,'" said Amal director **Richie Mehta**. "Now I'm very comfortable if I make a film and it goes straight to VOD." Mehta notes the scope of Canadian film has expanded. Globalization and the accessibility offered by VOD technology has created a borderless audience for our films. "I'm not sure that people around the world know they are watching Canadian films. Which is kind of interesting because people are watching them."



### Films on our own terms

Along with a changing distribution system comes a new attitude expressed by Montreal-born director **Joey Klein**, whose film *The Other Half* starring Tatiana Maslany was released earlier this year. "People are making films more on their own terms now; less about the idea of what a movie should be per our neighbours to the south, and more what a film could be given the resources we have."



### New metrics for success

Streaming and VOD can expose domestic films to potential new audiences here in Canada and worldwide, offering up new metrics in determining a movie's commercial value. "At an information session this month, Telefilm staff said they will be placing less emphasis on box office as a measure of success," said Maritime filmmaker **Thom Fitzgerald** who directed *Cloudburst*, a 2013 dramedy about an elderly lesbian American couple who move to Canada to get married.







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**Sarah Blakely, husband Curtis and their son outside their three-bedroom home. They recently sold the house for more than \$1 million and now expect to live mortgage-free.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Toronto sellouts are ready to move

## HOUSING

### Homeowners are moving in the face of uncertainty

Sarah Blakely recalls feeling some trepidation when she and her husband shelled out more than \$300,000 for a modest 1 1/2-storey house in a less-desirable part of Toronto.

Seven years later, they found themselves on the right side of a hot housing market, with values tripling in a 'hood suddenly considered up-and-coming for young families seeking detached homes.

They recently sold that renovated three-bedroom for more than \$1 million and now expect to live mortgage-free in a four-bedroom purchase in their hometown of Ottawa.

The 34-year-old Blakely says it made sense to cash out of a city that was draining their finances, energy and family time.

"My husband and I saw an opportunity to take advantage of the recent gains in real estate and to move to a less expensive city to live mortgage-free, support our savings for retirement and also to be closer to family," says Blakely, whose new home has nearly twice the square footage.

Other buyers are looking even farther afield, outside of Ontario. It's part of a growing trend of families moving far away from their too-hot housing markets — one that real estate agents

in places like the Maritimes are looking to capitalize on.

Remember that relatively inexpensive Nova Scotia mansion that dominated Facebook last month? Agent Wanda Graves of Eastern Valley Real Estate says it's sparked more inquiries from Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and B.C. house hunters suddenly hip to Eastern Canada's charms.

Nova Scotia sellers are taking notice, and are marketing to out-of-province buyers now considered increasingly likely to make an offer.

"They know that there are buyers out there and now it's, 'How do we reach them?'" says Graves.

Before selling for \$455,000, the mansion in Newport Landing, N.S., drew more than one million views on her company's website and 36,000 shares on Facebook.

It's a story Vancouver real estate agent Melissa Wu knows well.

Years of record-setting sales saw Vancouver homeowners cash out for smaller markets with more space.

But that changed after the B.C. government introduced a 15 per cent foreign buyers' tax last summer, which Wu says especially soured interest in west Vancouver luxury homes priced at more than \$4 million.

She advises Toronto homeowners thinking of selling to take advantage while they can.

"There's always a shift coming in," she says of this hot market. "Sell before it corrects."

Blakey and her family may

have taken action at just the right time.

Blakey's real estate agent Josie Stern says the Toronto market appears to be cooling, and doubts Blakey could fetch that same jackpot sale today.

"A little bit of air has been let out of the bubble," she says.

Many buyers and sellers are waiting to see what will come of today's scheduled meeting between Finance Minister Bill Morneau, Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa and Toronto Mayor John Tory, who are expected to discuss ways to rein in Toronto's hot housing market.

Meanwhile, the Ontario government is promising to announce affordability measures soon.

Stern says some buyers are delaying their purchase in anticipation of possible fixes.

"Buyers have been in such a stressful situation for so long that now they think somebody is going to save them and they're waiting," says Stern. "They've dug their heels in, they're tired of competition and then there's those that are still proceeding, but there's been quite a big pull-back from buyers."

Sellers who've bought new homes are rushing to list their old property, she adds, but many are not getting the high bids seen a month ago.

The Toronto market has been astonishing, with the average sale in the Greater Toronto Area skyrocketing last month to \$916,567. That's up 33.2 per cent from a year ago.

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## James

### Domestic Short Hair

James is the sweetest little fellow, cuddly and loving despite having gone through some hardships in his young life. We don't know a lot about his background, but it's clear he has had a rough time out in the world. This little black cat was a stray, who was brought into an SPCA branch elsewhere in the province. He had an eye injury that couldn't be mended, so the vets at the Dartmouth clinic had to remove that eye. He is ready to snuggle his way into your heart!



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## Brooms closing in on Jackets and Wild

### NHL PLAYOFFS

#### Columbus and Minnesota quickly pushed to the brink

The Columbus Blue Jackets scored more goals in the first six minutes of Sunday's game than in their first two playoff games combined. That still wasn't enough to slow down the Pittsburgh Penguins, who dealt the Blue Jackets a third straight playoff loss and put them on the brink of elimination.

Now the Blue Jackets, whose best season in franchise history included a 16-game winning streak, will try to get a win at home on Tuesday night to avoid being swept out of the first-round series by the defending Stanley Cup champions. An overtime goal by 22-year-old

rookie Jake Guentzel — set up by some deft puck-handling behind the net by Sidney Crosby — was the latest dagger. Guentzel had a hat trick in the 5-4 Pittsburgh win Sunday.

Columbus isn't the only team in trouble. The Minnesota Wild, who had a 12-game winning streak this season, are down 0-3 to the surprising St. Louis Blues.

Minnesota has outshot St. Louis 117-79, killed off eight of nine power plays but has never led. Game 4 is Wednesday at St. Louis, whose goaltender, Jake Allen, has a .974 save percentage and 0.91 goals-against average after being 3-5 with a .902 and 2.29 in his playoff career coming in.

Columbus outshot Pittsburgh in their first two playoff games, and the Blue Jackets had chances to win all three. Veteran goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury, replacing injured starter Matt Murray, has been sharp for the Penguins and made a critical



**The Blue Jackets will fight to stay alive without star rookie Zach Werenski, who fractured a cheekbone.**

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mask save of a potential game-winning Brandon Dubinsky shot in overtime Sunday.

"We've played good hockey, and it's unfortunate we've put ourselves in this situation," Blue Jackets captain Nick Foligno said Monday. "There's pressure, but we know what

we're facing. We've got a chance to just go out there and try to make a series of this."

Columbus will be without sensational rookie defender Zach Werenski, who was lost for the year after taking a Phil Kessel shot to the face Sunday. He suffered a fractured cheekbone.

But the Blue Jackets will get forward Matt Calvert back for Game 4 (7:30 p.m. EDT, CNBC). Calvert sat in the press box Sunday night, serving a one-game penalty for breaking a stick over the back of Pittsburgh's Tom Kuhnhackl and then decking him after the game was out of reach Friday night. Calvert didn't want to talk about the play Monday, but he did say it wasn't payback for anything that happened in the game.

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### NBA PLAYOFFS

#### Thomas to mourn between games

Celtics coach Brad Stevens says Isaiah Thomas plans to play in Game 2 Tuesday night against the Chicago Bulls, then head to Washington state to be with his family and help complete funeral arrangements for his sister.

Thomas attended the team's film session and short walk-through Monday, but did not speak with the media. Stevens says that after services for Thomas's sister, the star guard intends to rejoin the team Friday for Game 3 in Chicago. The coach adds that

all plans are subject to change depending on how Thomas feels.

Chyna Thomas died early Saturday in a one-car accident outside Tacoma, Wash. No funeral date is set, and Stevens says the Celtics organization hopes to attend.

Boston lost the opener of the seven-game series 106-102 on Monday.

Celtics guard Avery Bradley said Thomas played admirably, scoring 33 points to go with six assists and five rebounds after an unsteady beginning.

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**“They care about one another and they support one another. That's what you hope you have in a team.”**

Celtics coach Brad Stevens

### PREMIER LEAGUE

#### Arsenal gives its road woes the boot



**Stewart Downing of Middlesbrough, right, and Arsenal's Granit Xhaka battle for the ball in Middlesbrough, England, Monday.** GETTY IMAGES

Alexis Sanchez and Mesut Ozil secured Arsenal's first Premier League win on the road in three months on Monday with a 2-1 victory at Middlesbrough, reviving the London club's pursuit of Champions League qualification.

Arsenal, whose last away win came at Swansea on Jan. 14, moved into sixth place. Although Manchester City is seven points ahead in the fourth Champions League place, Arsenal has a game in hand with seven still to play.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Benintendi lifts Red Sox to a series victory over Rays

Andrew Benintendi hit a go-ahead, two-run single as Boston scored three unearned runs following a dropped throw by second baseman Brad Miller, and the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 on Monday in the annual Patriots' Day game.

Benintendi had three singles in the 11:05 a.m. start, which coincides with the Boston Marathon, and the Red Sox won their third straight after losing the opener of the four-game series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Colts' Luck taking it easy after shoulder surgery

Andrew Luck isn't sure when he'll start throwing again and won't set a timetable for his return from shoulder surgery.

The Indianapolis Colts held their first official team activities Monday, and for the first time Luck acknowledged that his injury problems began during a Week 3 contest at Tennessee in 2015.

After that season, the starting quarterback said he decided to undergo rehab rather than opt for surgery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Julien wants Habs focused on future



Alexander Radulov scored the overtime winner in Game 2 and the third goal in the Canadiens' 3-1 Game 3 victory on Sunday night as the Habs took a 2-1 series lead. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

## NHL PLAYOFFS

### Montreal coach wants players to 'move on' from Game 3 victory

Claude Julien is not living in the past. He hopes that his team isn't, either.

Julien's Montreal Canadiens lead the New York Rangers 2-1 in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-final following a dominant 3-1 win in Game 3 Sunday night. Game 4 is set for Tuesday night in New York, and Montreal's head coach wants his

team prepared to press their advantage.

"Today is another day," Julien said during his media availability at Madison Square Garden Monday afternoon. "We can't sit here day after day talking about what happened."

"We have to start thinking about what needs to be done. I think we did a great job (Sunday) night. They're going to come out next game a lot better and we need to be ready for that."

"We need to be ready to be at least as good as we were in the last game. That's where our focus has to be and not about all the good things we're talking about. We have to move on."

To that end, the Canadiens opted to hold a video session Monday. The Rangers held a full team practice in which rookie right winger Pavel Buchnevich participated in power play drills, although New York coach Alain Vigneault would not reveal if he was contemplating making changes to a stagnant roster.

"I'm looking at all our options," said Vigneault, who later added, "We have quite a few options upfront and on 'D.'"

"We've got nine defencemen (so) it's between those nine and I've got 15 forwards. I'm going to decide (between) those 15 forwards."

Whereas he was circumspect

about his player personnel decision making process, Vigneault stressed his team needed to improve its puck management following a Game 3 in which the Rangers had 21 giveaways.

"We need to do a better job," Vigneault said. "We had a lot of unforced turnovers (in Game 3) that we need to correct."

The Canadiens' defensive structure in the neutral and defensive zones eliminated New York's greatest asset — its collective team speed. The Canadiens clogged the middle and took away passing lanes, so the Rangers spent much of Game 3 having harmless dump-ins.

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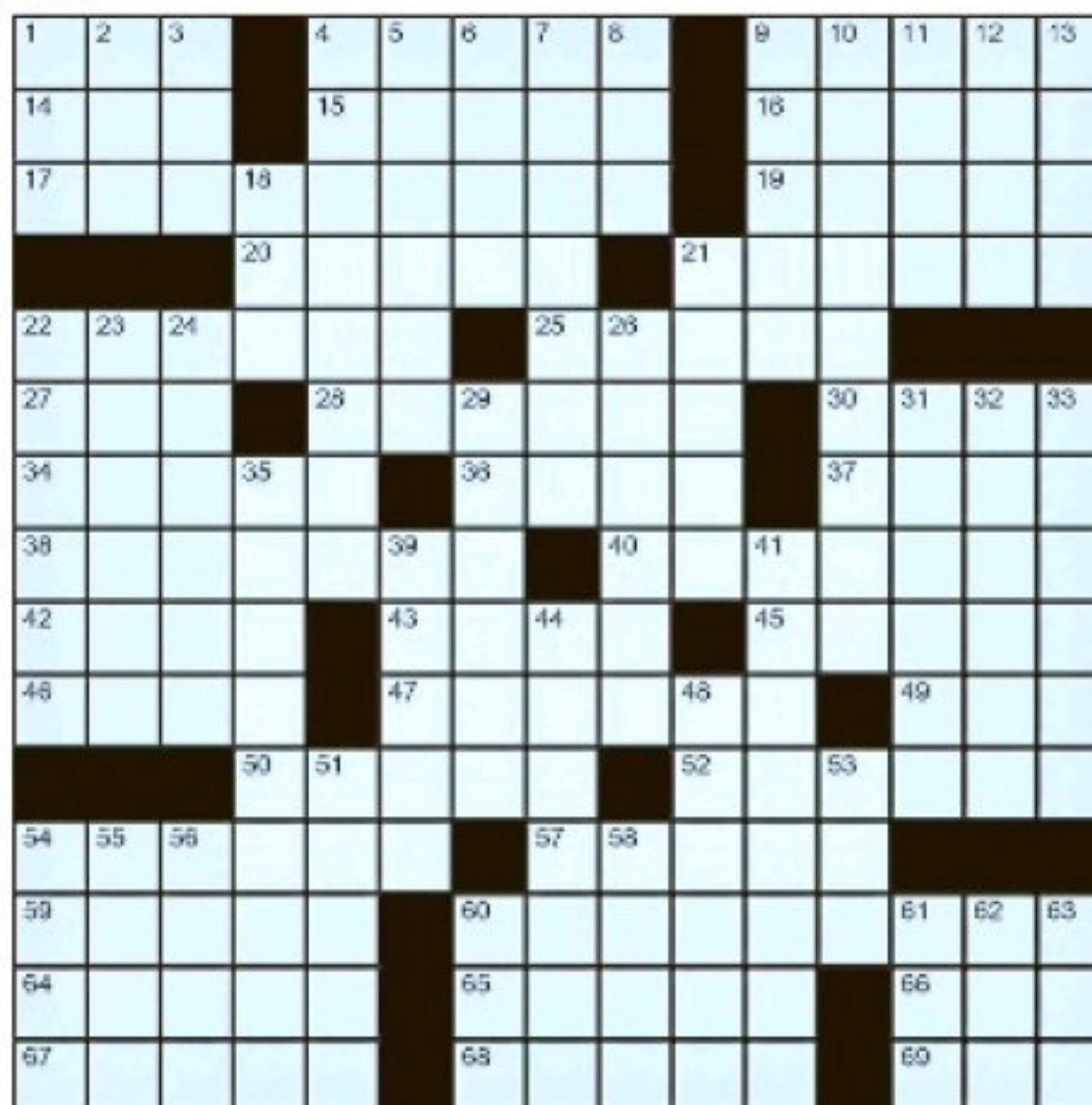
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20. Gastric trouble
21. ...and ...
22. Taxi driver
25. Diminish
27. Garlic, in a Quebec City restaurant
28. Almond fragment
30. Wild guess
34. Looseness in the line
36. tide
37. Volcanic flow
38. spray can
40. Recorded, as a wedding
42. Traffic jam sound!
43. Quote
45. Looking at
46. Mr. Warhol
47. Newspaper magnate, William Randolph (b.1863 - d.1951)
49. Litigate
50. Already-shown TV show
52. One coming up with a new word, say



54. Instigate
57. Upper Fort (Historical site in Manitoba)
59. "The Lady in Red" by Chris de
60. Adorned, such as the Springtime object at #17-Across
64. "My Own Pri-

- vate" (1991)
65. Full of life
66. "The Wonder Years" actress, Olivia d'
67. They're owed
68. Portended
69. UK network

**DOWN**

1. Grand-, Nova Scotia
2. US driving org.
3. Lefts opp.
4. Pyramid-top pillars
5. Toyota model of yore
6. -planting ceremony
7. Do a jeweller's work at times
8. Rule, for short
9. Nose-in-the-air type
10. Church- Village, in Toronto
11. Approximate-

- ly: 2 wds.
12. Kitchen appliance
13. Writes
18. Jacuzzi, for one
21. Wrist bones
22. Kind of melon
23. Helen, in Ireland
24. Played the radio too loudly
26. Canuck creature
29. Replacing/substituting: 2 wds.
31. The Way philosophy
32. Road (Toronto thoroughfare)
33. Tommy Brock, in Beatrix Potter's The Tale of Mr. Tod
35. Writer's concern
39. Rusty hue
41. Dissuaded
44. Hybrid citrus fruit
48. Endeavoured
51. Cultural standards
53. Shag rug
54. Footnote abbr.
55. Hosiery shade
56. Zodiac creature
58. wash jeans
60. Tap on
61. Bar bill
62. Musicals lyricist Fred
63. Grumpy's work mate

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
This is a tricky day. You are advised to avoid a showdown with a parent, boss or authority figure. (This includes the police.) Things are too unpredictable!

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Steer clear of controversial subjects like racial issues, politics and religion, because this is a potentially explosive day. Expect travel plans to change or be canceled or delayed.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Double-check all financial transactions related to wills, inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Something might be out of whack. Don't become caught off guard!

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Do not fall into intense discussions or arguments with partners or close friends today. Steer clear of these. In a nanosecond, someone might be overheated or too emotional.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Be patient with co-workers today, because equipment breakdowns and delays can trigger arguments or moments of frustration. Chill out. Be supportive, no matter what happens.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
This is an accident-prone day for your kids so be extra vigilant. It's also a dicey day for romance, so be aware of this as well. Patience is your best virtue.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Small appliances might break down today, or minor breakages could occur. That's because something is going to interrupt your home routine. Be patient with family members in order to avoid

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
This is an accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Don't try to convince others to agree with your point of view. Easy does it.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Something to do with your cash flow, money or possessions is unpredictable today. Make sure you know what's happening. Keep your eyes open.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Avoid arguments with others today, because this is a potentially explosive day. People are on edge. Plus, unpredictable things are happening! It's a dicey combo.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
There's an undercurrent of uncertainty to whatever you do today; you can feel it. A lot of other people can feel it as well. Just be cool.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
A powerful person might seek you out today and then lean on you about something. This could erupt into an argument. You don't need this, so run the other way!

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